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Saddle up for Success

State Officers Create Roadmap for the Year

At the end of October 2005, the sixteen new state officers worked very hard to create the theme for State CDC ("Saddle Up For Success") and develop a Program of Activities (POA) to implement this year.

Each year Missouri DECA officers develop a POA in the areas of Civic Consciousness, Social Intelligence, Leadership Development and Promotion of DECA. The four executive officers are assigned a POA to oversee, and the twelve district vice

presidents then carry out each POA in each of their districts.

Leigh Stephenson, President, will be overseeing the promotion of Missouri DECA, which includes the creation and distribution of the MO DECA newsletter.

Dana Hillyer, Vice President, is working on a state-wide service week and organizing fundraisers for Unlimited Play. Dana said about her POA, "This year I have two main goals. The first is to hold a state-wide

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Missouri Represented by over 230 Members at Central Region Leadership Conference



Jen Vaziralli (National DECA President) and Caryn Voskuil (CR Vice-President) pose with Missouri's officers after the State Officer breakfast at the CRLC.

Missouri DECA joined the 12 other states of the Central Region in Des Moines, Iowa, on November 18-20, 2005, for a state

fair. Conference participants attended sessions for which they received "blue ribbons," and at the end of the conference the students and advisors with enough blue ribbons were awarded a "Grand Champion Award" for superior participation.

From line-dancing to acting out skits to singing, Iowa's state action team did a great job hosting the conference with the help of Caryn Voskuil (Central Region Vice-President) and Jen Vaziralli (National President).

At the opening session, Aaron "The Enthusiast" Davis equipped the audience to perform like champions. The Des Moines Isiserettes pumped up the crowd with their intense beats and energetic dances.

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State Officers Create Roadmap (continued from Page 1)

service week. Every year, Missouri DECA does an amazing job donating money to MDA and other organizations. However, in addition to simply giving money, I'd like to see Missouri DECA give back to the community through service. I know Missouri DECA will step up and do amazing things and I can't wait to see the difference each chapter makes within their communities."

Dana's second goal is to raise money for Unlimited Play, which is an all-access playground located in Lake St. Louis. See "Missouri DECA Adopts Unlimited Play" for more information.

To increase social intelligence, Travis Nicks, Secretary, will be continuing last year's "Dressed for Success"

campaign at the district and state level, and will be implementing a new program called "Go Pro" at the State CDC. Whereas Dressed for Success promotes professional *appearance*, the purpose of Go Pro is to encourage professional *behavior*. The guidelines for Go Pro include, but are not limited to, proper handshake and introduction, confidence, courtesy, respect, etc.

Alisha Russell, Reporter, will be heading up the Leadership Development POA. She has developed a manual that outlines duties for chapter officers and will provide guidelines for the district vice-presidents to train the chapter officers at district meetings.

Aside from completing their POAs,

the state officers will be planning the State CDC to be held at the Lake of the Ozarks in March.

Get your cowboy boots ready, because we'll be rounding up for success and heading to Dallas for the International CDC!

"A good leader is not the person who does things right, but the person who finds the right things to do."

--Anthony T. Dadovano

Missouri DECA Adopts Unlimited Play



Unlimited Play is a non-profit Missouri corporation committed to improving the community by designing, funding, and building inclusive playgrounds. This grassroots organization was started by Amelia Mackay, her son Zachary the inspiration. Five-year old Zachary suffers from a rare genetic disorder that makes it hard for him to control his body. Bound to a wheelchair and walker, Zachary is unable to utilize the equipment on most playgrounds. Inclusive playgrounds can change that.

Inclusive playgrounds are unique because they include all the typical playground equipment for rigorous fun and play, but they are modified with special surfacing, unique colors and materials, and many slight changes or additions to

allow **all** children, even those with disabilities, to play together. Just as important, inclusive playgrounds foster the development of dignity, understanding, and respect among children.



Unlimited Play is dedicated to developing Missouri's **first** inclusive playground called "Zachary's Playground." Located in Lake St. Louis, MO, construction is currently underway for phase one, but more money needs to be raised to start phases two and three.

With DECA's help, Unlimited Play's vision can become a reality; a reality where children with special needs can play just like other kids. At State CDC this year, DECA is going to "Link Together For Unlimited Play." Paper links will be sold for \$1.00 with each district assigned a different color. The links will then be put together to form an enormous chain to be revealed at closing session.

In addition, any money raised at District CDCs will be put towards the district's total at State CDC and the winning district will receive a special prize.

By supporting Unlimited Play, you are giving the gift of play; a gift that will benefit children today and all children for generations to come.



Seniors: Apply for DECA Scholarships

One of the many benefits that DECA has to offer is its scholarships. DECA members who are seniors and are looking to attend a post-secondary institution with an interest in the marketing field are welcome to apply for these scholarships.

Missouri Scholarships

Each year, Missouri DECA awards over \$8,000 to deserving Missouri DECA seniors.

If you are an active DECA member and are interested, check out the scholarship requirements on the Missouri DECA website. The application and supporting materials must be postmarked to the State Office by March 1, 2006.

Missouri offers the following scholarships: Kesterson Scholarship, Bud Hartley

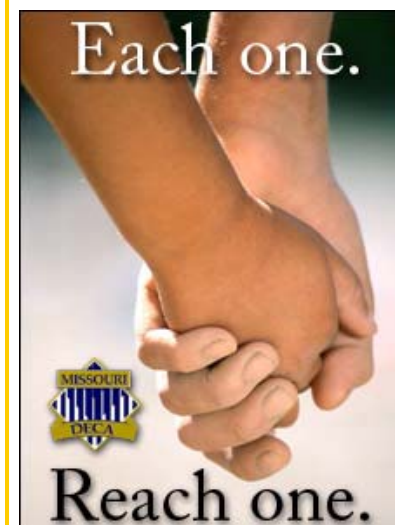
Memorial Scholarship, Kent McDaniel Memorial Scholarship, Jim Schelenhamer Scholarship, Mike Tines Memorial Scholarship, Hall of Fame Scholarship, Marketing Education Undergraduate Scholarship, and Kathryn Beich/Missouri DECA Scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are announced at the State Career Development Conference.

National Scholarships:

There are several national scholarships available, most of which are valued at \$1,000. There are different requirements for each scholarship. All scholarships require three letters of recommendation and an official high school transcript. Visit the national website, www.deca.org, or talk to your advisor for more information. Deadline for national scholarships is February 15, 2006.

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Missouri DECA members collected over **\$3,715** to contribute to National DECA's "Each One, Reach One" campaign.

Missouri's contribution accounts for **20% of the total raised**. Our amount was the second largest sum compared to a Vermont high school chapter's \$4,204.44.

Thanks to all the contributing schools!



Upcoming Events

District CDC

Check with your advisor to see where and when your District CDC is being held. You won't want to miss this competition because it is the only way to qualify for State CDC.

ACTE Legislative Day

Feb. 8, 2006

Join DECA members in Jefferson City to help promote DECA to our congressmen.

Service Week

Feb. 18-25, 2006

Each District in the State will be helping the community in some way during this

week. Take this opportunity to say, "You got served!...by DECA"

State CDC

March 19-21, 2006

The top competitors from each district (around 1,500 DECA members) will gather at the Lake of the Ozarks for an amazing conference, which will determine who advances to the international competition.

International CDC

April 28-May 3, 2006

Held in Dallas, TX. Missouri DECA is going to "Show" their hard work at the ICDC.

Hats Off!



Geoffrey Sumter (a.k.a Kahona) of Warrensburg DECA Chapter (District 4) earned the title of state winner in the first round of the VBC Retailing event.



From Warren County High School DECA Chapter (District 6), **Danny Dreyer**, **Scott Bade**, and **Andrew Sherman** ("Team DAD") won state in the VBC Sports Challenge.

Missouri Represented at Central Region Leadership Conference (cont. from page 1)

Although the unique conference required professional dress and encouraged leadership, traditional state fair pie throwing was not forgotten. Missouri DECA raised the most money for MDA during the "Miracle Minute," so Leigh Stephenson, State President, got to throw a pie in Caryn Voskuil's face at the closing ceremony.

Also at the closing ceremony, motivational speaker Sam Glenn, the "Chalk-Man," told the audience that "life is short...so lighten up!" Glenn said that to live your dream, you have to face your fears, be able to laugh, and use the gifts you have to make a difference.

The hostess of the conference did an excellent job inspiring DECA delegates and advisors, and she had a few things to say to Missouri DECA.

Central Region Vice-President **Caryn Voskuil** said, "The Central Region Leadership Conference was a huge pleasure to host this fall in Des Moines. It was such an inspiration to work with members who shared as much enthusiasm for DECA as I do. Representing thirteen states, but only being able to live in one of these, limits my opportunities to meet members across my region.

Knowing that we are providing a place and time for members to grow into leaders and take advantage of the opportunities in DECA is very rewarding. I met so many potential officers and their passion for DECA reminded me of why I love this organization so much.

The conference got off to an amazing start at the opening session, as the crowd went wild for the Issiserettes Step

Team. Members were running up front to get a closer look and standing on their chairs dancing. Seeing that many enthusiastic members in one place is a sight I will never forget!

My involvement in DECA began with my passion for supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association and so it was a major goal of mine to raise funds in support for MDA at Central Region.

The time spent raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was my proudest moment of CRLC. I will forever remember the State Presidents madly collecting change during the "Miracle Minute," and the generosity of members during "Pass the Hat" at the dance. Handing over a check to a local MDA Representative worth more than \$2,000 topped off the whole experience!

Missouri DECA played a key role in the success of our MDA campaign. You raised more than \$320 in a single minute, and truly set the standard for other states to follow! The Missouri State Officer Team made the campaign a huge success and I thank you for your support.

It was my pleasure to receive a pie in the face from your State President Leigh Stephenson. Although it was an honor to do so on behalf of such a worthy cause, the resulting sticky face was a bit of a shock!

Thank you to all the members that attended, it was such an amazing experience and I am so honored to have shared

it with you. Your efforts in raising funds for MDA awed me! What a way to make your mark as a State in the Central Region!

I look forward to working with your state officers throughout this year, and look

forward to seeing the members of Missouri DECA in Dallas, Texas. If I can assist you in anyway please email me at caryncrvp@gmail.com.

A message from Jen Vaziralli, National DECA President

The Central Region Leadership Conference was filled with exciting workshops, dynamic speakers and most of all...tons

of fun! As the National President, I have been given the opportunity to tour the entire country, including all four regions of DECA. Never have I ever seen such a spirited, talented and dedicated group of DECA members as in the Central Region. The conference was a huge success and I was proud to be part of the experience. I now know that above all else, the Central Region knows how to have a great time in DECA!



Officer Profiles



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President

Leigh Stephenson

is from Pattonville High School. She moved to St. Louis from South Africa during the summer before sixth grade. Leigh lives with her parents and has an older brother, Mark, who attends Truman State University.

Leigh is not sure where she is going to college yet. She wants to study International Business and Finance or Marketing.

Leigh runs cross country and track and enjoys spending time with her friends.

Her favorite DECA memory is of ICDC in California last year. She also enjoyed the Fall Leadership Conference this year.

She is looking forward to accomplishing the PDAs and representing Missouri well in Dallas.



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Vice-President

Dana Hillyer

is from Wentzville Holt -Go Indians! When asked about her favorite DECA memory, she said, "My first big one was placing 5th at State for FMAL. I was shocked because I didn't think I did that well on my role

plays. I had to miss my junior prom for ICDC but it was completely worth it."

Her main life goals are to find a husband willing to put up with her and start a family. Having a family is very important to her.

Next year, she plans to attend Missouri State University and would like to major in marketing, history, education, film, or maybe nutrition. It depends what day you ask her! She's very excited about Unlimited Play this year.

Officer Profiles (cont.)



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Secretary

Travis Nicks goes to Four Rivers Career Center. His favorite DECA memory is the moment he heard his name when they announced who won Secretary.

Travis is going to go to MSU and get his Masters in

Marketing Management and Business Administration.

He is excited about getting to see Missouri grow and he's also looking forward to our State CDC and the ICDC.

Travis can juggle, make animal balloons, and continu-

ously pop his pointer finger on his left hand. Oh, and he can also sing!

Travis is spontaneous and overall fun to hang out with. He is heading up the Dressed for Success and Go Pro programs this year.



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Reporter

Alisha Russell is from Park Hill High School. She has two brothers and one sister, and lives with her wonderful dad.

Her favorite DECA memory is of Nationals last year in the leadership academy.

Alisha's main goal in life is to be happy in everything that she does. This year she's excited about the whole DECA experience. She said, "This is my last year and I want it to be the very best."

Her biggest pet peeve is

anything slow. She likes everything to be very fast-paced. She especially hates it when the hallways at school get so crowded.

Alisha likes long walks on the beach and yellow roses.



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District 1 VP

Heidi Pratt goes to Smithville High School. She is the youngest child and has one brother and two sisters.

Her favorite DECA memory is of the competition in California last year. This year she's looking forward to

"working with some amazing people and making lifelong memories."

Heidi's biggest pet peeve is when people talk in the third person. Congrats to Heidi for being the Bratwurst eating champion for the 2005

Kansas City Oktoberfest! *Das ist sehr gut!*

Heidi says, "People seem to like me because I am polite and I am rarely late. I like to eat ice cream and I really enjoy a nice pair of slacks."



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District 2 VP

Mustafa Mohammad attends Rock Bridge Senior High School. He is part of a family of seven: three older brothers, one younger sister, himself, and his two parents.

Regarding a favorite

DECA memory, Mustafa said, "Going to Anaheim last year was great. Seeing all the people involved in DECA and hanging out with my friends made the whole experience a memorable one."

Mustafa is very excited for the upcoming year.

"We have the potential to make everything run smoothly and make this year one of the best for Missouri DECA."

Officer Profiles (cont.)



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District 3 VP

Kyla Copple goes to Blue Springs South High School. She has an older brother and a twin brother. She and her twin brother were voted Homecoming King and Queen this year!

Her favorite DECA mem-

ory is the hypnotist at State CDC last year. "A girl that was hypnotized started to tell the hypnotist that her grandma got a pick stuck up her...that's when he cut her off. It was hilarious!"

Kyla is an excellent

horse rider and aspires to someday ride horses in the Olympics. She is also a soccer player.

This year, Kyla is excited about everything! Her biggest pet peeve is really negative people.



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District 4 VP

Allison Mohler is from Odessa High School. She has four parents: Mom, Al, Dad, and Patricia. She has five real siblings, six step-brothers, and two half sisters! She said, "Holidays are both a blessing and a burden.

What can I say? There are a lot of Christmas presents to buy!"

Her favorite DECA memory is last year at State CDC when she met a boy whom she was competing against. "We spent a lot of time to-

gether, and we've talked every day since. DECA love rocks!"

Allison wants to someday own a Bed and Breakfast. She is planning on going to UMKC and majoring in Entrepreneurship and Marketing.



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District 5 VP

Sidney Smith attends the School of the Osage High. She grew up in Bloomington, IL, and Techumseh, OK. She now lives with her (2nd) mom and two best friends.

Sidney has had the same boyfriend for almost

two years. She also has two sisters.

Sidney's favorite DECA memory is when she got to meet the State Action Team in October. "They were strangers at the beginning of the conference and ended as

good friends."

Her main life goal is to be successful, and she loves to have fun!

This year she is really excited about graduating. Her special talent is that she can wiggle her ears.



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District 6 VP

Shannon "The Shanimal" McCoy goes to Francis Howell High School. She has a 24-year-old sister and two dogs.

Shannon's main life goals are to travel, go to college, have kids, and gener-

ally be happy and successful. She will go to college in either Madison, Chicago, Atlanta, or St. Louis. She wants to study marketing, psychology, journalism, or teaching.

This year Shannon is excited about "seeing our

work pay off at State CDC; nationals in Dallas; and my senior year! Also seeing D6 together and doing a great job."

She has a weird photographic memory and is known to be a "good-looking devil."

Officer Profiles (cont.)



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District 7 VP

Jill Thompson is from Pattonville High School. Her favorite DECA memory is ICDC 2005 at the Leadership Academy...go blue team!

Her main life goals are to get married, have kids, and hopefully work in interna-

tional business or politics.

Jill wants to go to school in either North Carolina, Virginia, or Washington DC. Her top choice is Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC.

She is excited about

seeing the POAs carried out, "especially when we raise money for Unlimited Play."

Jill's pet peeve is slow-walkers in the hallway at school. She has played piano for eleven years and enjoys running.



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District 8 VP

Kristi Hughes attends Ladue Horton Watkins High School. Her main life goals are to go to college, get a business or law degree and find a job that makes her happy. She is debating between colleges, and will pos-

sibly attend law school after college.

Kristi's favorite DECA memory is Nationals in Cali last year.

This year she's excited about getting out of high school! She's also looking

forward to "making DECA huge" and getting to know more members.

Kristi is really into sports, especially volleyball. She also enjoys taking on leadership roles and helping people.



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District 9 VP

Katie Sunderman goes to Webster Groves High School. Her favorite DECA memory is Nationals last year when she was with one of her best friends ordering pizza to the room and watching TV in comfy clothes all day.

Her main life goals are to take advantage of all of the opportunities given to her, to be happy, to be successful, and to be loved.

Katie is going to college next year (maybe Washington University or University of

Richmond), then grad school, and will then be a Corporate Account Executive.

Katie loves babysitting, shopping, volunteering at her old elementary school, being full of school spirit, being with her family, and District 9!



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District 10 VP

Nicole Jewell is from Seneca High School. She has four brothers, two dogs, and a cat. Her favorite DECA memory so far this year is the State Officer Training Conference, but she's looking forward to the

many more fun things still to come.

After graduating from high school, Nicole will go to college and then graduate school. She plans to get married and have a family. "Some time in my life, I would

like to have my own practice as a lawyer or operate my own Bed and Breakfast."

Nicole likes to act and really enjoys riding horses. She absolutely loves sports! Her favorite team is OU and her favorite color is blue.

Officer Profiles (cont.)



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District 11 VP

Vanessa Fugate is from Willard High School. Her favorite DECA memory is the Memphis trip.

She lives with her mom and her dog, Whitney.

Her main goal is to be happy in life. In the future,

she plans on going to college and getting a business degree.

This year, Vanessa is excited about the DECA State Action Team, DECA Conferences, and graduation!

Her biggest pet peeve is

telemarketers.

Vanessa is in col-orguard and on the rifle team at her school.

Vanessa is enjoying having meetings with her chapter advisors and presidents.



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District 12 VP

Mykah Bryan goes to Sikeston Senior High. She has two sisters and one brother. She said that her favorite DECA memory "would definitely have to be going to Anaheim last year in the Leadership Development

Academy! Oh, and of course Disney Land!!"

Mykah plays violin, and her biggest pet peeve is when people smack their gum.

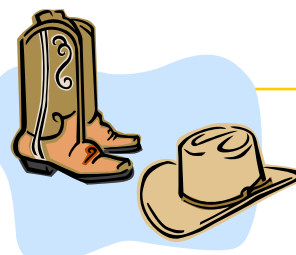
Mykah's main goal in life is to be successful and happy with her accomplishments,

with no regrets.

This year she's excited about all the POAs and the whole State Action Team.

"Already we have become such good friends, I can only imagine how great this year is going to be!"

Saddle Up For State



State CDC may seem to be a long time from now, but it'll sneak up on you before you know it!

Are you ready for one of the best weekends of your life? Are you excited about meeting new people and competing against some of the smartest students in the state? Are you willing to put in the work required to finally stand on the stage at the Lodge of the Four Seasons?

If you answered, "Yes, Yes, and Yes!" to those three questions, then you need to start preparing now.

Besides making sure you don't schedule any plans for March 19-21, 2006:

- Take a few practice tests. If your advisor doesn't have any, go to the DECA website and learn more about your competitive event.
- Prepare your written events now. You'll be busier than you think in February and March, so get started already!
- Buy a professional outfit that meets all the DECA Dress Code requirements.

Don't count on last year's outfit fitting after holiday break!

- Practice your interview skills. Talk to advisors, parents, and friends about something that relates to your competitive event. Improving your confidence is key!

The Missouri DECA State Action Team is going to Saddle Up for the best State CDC yet, so Get Ready, Get Set, and Go practice your competitive event!

Chapter Highlights

Pacific DECA organizes stream clean-up and community book fair

The Pacific DECA Chapter participated in the Brush Creek Clean Up at the Pacific city park on November 5th. Over 85 volunteers participated in this community event that filled a huge construction size dumpster (20 yard) to the top donated by IESI.

Participants reclaimed over 15 tires which Tri-County Firestone disposed of for the effort. The stream clean up was a well-organized community project put together by the Pacific High School DECA organization, the Department of Conservation and the Pacific Chamber of Commerce. All volunteers that helped not only had fun in the process but they also helped their community.

Several clubs and groups were represented at the clean up. PHS/DECA, FBIA, Key Club, CAP/Kaleidoscope, Environmental Science, Middle School Science, and the Sports Club. Pacific DECA thanks all the students, advisors, and parents that helped in the Brush Creek Clean Up.



Pacific's chapter has also been very busy in their school this year. In October they entered our Homecoming Parade and won first place with their float, which kicked off the National DECA week activities. After the induction ceremony during National DECA week we got started with their chapter activities. They organized a stream clean up for Brush Creek which runs through Pacific collecting over 4 tons of debris and motivating 85 volunteers to get wet and clean the stream as a great community effort.

After successfully completing the stream clean up we gathered food items and created a PHS/DECA holiday cookbook to create Turkey Baskets for a few needy families in their community. The latest project they completed was a community book fair and a Clifford family event where Clifford The Big Red Dog made an appearance at the fair and children were able to listen to a story with Clifford, eat cookies with Clifford, hunt for buried bones with Clifford, and get their picture taken with Clifford. This project was their kick off to start their Race Into Reading activity, it was a huge success and made many children very excited to meet their favorite four legged friend. Currently they are writing Santa Letters to the first graders at one of their elementary schools as well as collecting clothing and food items for a few needy families to support the Adopt-a-Family program in their community.

Rolla DECA members travel to Beverly Hills to present \$26,454 check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Rolla DECA members Tiffany Davis and Sarah Henne, and advisor Rob Eckhoff presented a check for \$26,454 at the National MDA Telethon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California.

Davis and Henne have served as the MDA chairpersons in Rolla for the past two years. Both girls have used the MDA as their DECA project for competitions at the local, state, and international levels. They have been recognized the past two years at the International Career Development DECA Conference as being number five and number three, consecutively, for the most money raised in the nation by a high school DECA chapter.

Davis and Henne were seen on 193 television stations around the world on Monday morning, September 5, presenting a check to Billy Gilman, National Youth Ambassador for MDA.



Chapter Highlights (cont.)

Wentzville Holt DECA supports Unlimited Play

Last year, the Wentzville Holt DECA chapter raised over \$6500.00 by having students and the community team up for a Walk-A-Thon. The money raised was donated to Unlimited Play, a fully accessible playground for children of all abilities. This playground is currently under construction in our local community. To follow up and continue to support Unlimited Play, this year the students have decided to do a DECA-tho-lon, which will consist of ten fundraisers to go towards our cause. The ten fundraisers students have implemented include:

- Sold the Unlimited Play rubber bracelets in our school store.

- Sold Smore's at Wentzville Holt's Homecoming Bonfire.

- Date a DECA during lunch. Students buy chances to get a date with a DECA member and a candlelight dinner is served during lunch, which is donated pizza from Pizza Hut.

- Held a Sumo wrestling day, in which students bought the chance to become a Sumo wrestler and challenge another Sumo wrestler.

- Sold paper ornaments to decorate the school cafeteria tree: pumpkins for October, fall leaves for November, and snowmen for December and January

- Face painting at all the home football games

- Cell phones for cents-collecting old cell phones and turning them into the funding factory for money.

- Turkey leg contest-pictures will be taken of male teachers and senior boy legs, the students will vote on the best turkey legs. The loser will shave their legs at the next winter sports assembly.

- Stamp-A-Thon -Send self addressed stamped envelopes out to friends and family members from our Advanced Marketing students asking for donations for Unlimited Play.



Center High School DECA hosts pre-Thanksgiving dinner

The Center High School DECA Chapter planned and prepared a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner for area families in the Center Community.

The students sought donations, prepared food, worked in teams and also presented a slide show about the DECA Chapter. Although the turnout wasn't what was hoped, everyone who came to the dinner had a wonderful time and were very thankful to the DECA members.



Carrollton Area Career Center Entrepreneurship Class organizes school carnival

The Entrepreneurship class and DECA members at the Carrollton Area Career Center have been planning a special event for the community of Carrollton. Students in Cathy Benson's third hour class have been working for weeks to plan a school carnival. The Trojan Fun Fest Carnival was held Saturday, November 19, 2005 in the Carrollton Junior High School Gymnasium, from 6:00-9:00pm.

A variety of games and prizes were available for the kids to participate in. Tickets were sold at the door for the cost of four tickets for \$1.00. Among the popular games included; cake walk, duck pond, plinko, basketball, balloon darts, go fishing, and other fun filled activities. We also offered face painting and balloon animals for free. A concession stand was also be available for those that got thirsty or need a snack. The money that was raised goes towards DECA contest and other various activities.

Chapter Highlights (cont.)

Parkway South DECA Chapter has been busy at work with tons of activities

As a chapter, they have raised hundreds of dollars to donate to people and organizations in need throughout the community. With some of that money, they purchased fleece that made 22 blankets to donate to the recreational therapy program at Shriner's Children's Hospital. They've also donated time and in a small group went to the Mary's Center, a soup kitchen off Grand Ave. and helped out. This Christmas their chapter adopted The Evangelical Children's home where kids and teens at the home add their gift to a wish list and each member adopts an individual and purchases their gift.

Parkway South DECA has been on the move! Twenty-eight members participated in DECA Fall Leadership Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. On November, 9th, Parkway South DECA left for the annual New York City trip with seventy-eight seniors and eight teachers. The five day trip was filled with informational seminars, sight-seeing and of course New York style pizza and shopping. Some of them were even on MTV's TRL! Upcoming events include a DECA Day in January to promote DECA to freshman and sophomores as well as a DECA Bowling Social.

Pattonville High School helps Salvation Army

Pattonville declared December 17th "DECA Day." From 9am to 4pm, the chapter helped the Salvation Army prepare the Christmas Center for the "Adopt a Kid" pick up program by setting up toys by age-group and moving boxes.

After a break, the group reassembled at 7pm to go bowling at Olivette Lanes. All in all, it was a really productive and fun day!



Ladue's chapter has many holiday events

On December 3rd, they hosted a district-wide dodge ball tournament to raise money for district eights fundraiser which they will turn in at state for the links! They had a great turn out! Also, they had a Christmas tree lot at the high school in which people from all around the community purchased Christmas trees. They also sold holiday wreathes. Ladue's chapter also helped with the Salvation Army by assembling presents in boxes to be mailed to children whose parents are currently in prison. Another activity they're proud of is a holiday event for four different in need elementary schools where they had different Christmas activities for the children to participate in.

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